

ABSTRACT**ITEM SORTING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

An item sorting system and method, the system comprising: at least one sender handling unit by which at least one sender applies imprints to items to be delivered to at least one receiver, wherein an imprint as applied to an item includes a sorting identifier; and at least one receiver sorting unit for sorting received items in accordance with a sorting protocol as determined from the sorting identifiers of the respective imprints, wherein each sorting protocol provides for the sorting of each of the received items into one of a plurality of groups such as to allow for different handling of the items of each of the respective groups.